

Advice on administration of the COVID-19 vaccine by intra-muscular injection for people on anticoagulation therapy

I am on anticoagulation therapy , can I receive the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Yes, patients who are on anticoagulants including Warfarin, Heparin, Low molecular weight heparin and the Direct oral anticoagulants (Apixaban/Eliquis, Dabigatran/Pradaxa, Edoxaban/Lixiana, Rivaroxaban/Xarelto) can receive the COVID19 vaccine by intramuscular injection.

Warfarin is the anticoagulant medicine that I take. Are there any extra precautions that I should know about?

People on Warfarin should follow their usual schedule for INR testing and can proceed if their latest INR is less than 4.0.
If the latest INR is over 4.0, follow the advice of the clinic/practice managing Warfarin and wait until the INR is less than 4.0 to have the COVID19 vaccine by intramuscular injection.

Once I receive the vaccination what should I do?

After the intra-muscular COVID19 injection

- Apply firm pressure (without rubbing the area) to the injection site for 5-10 minutes.
- Keep the area under observation after the injection and contact your Doctor if any concerns about bruising or bleeding.

Please contact your healthcare provider if you have any concerns in relation to this advice.